

From: [Sanchez, Carlos](#)
To: [Edlund, Carl](#); [Villarreal, Chris](#); [Meyer, John](#); [Walters, Donn](#); [Miller, Garyg](#)
Cc: [Phillips, Pam](#)
Subject: RE: FOX 26 LASTNIGHT - New EPA Study of San Jacinto Waste Pits
Date: Thursday, August 07, 2014 1:23:56 PM

Carl, Here are the announcements that were sent.

Announcements

7/29/2014 Because of the complexity of the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site, the EPA has decided that additional information is needed prior to a recommendation of a cleanup alternative. The EPA plans to undertake an independent review of site modelling and potential river/weather conditions that might influence remedy selection. The National Remedy Review Board may be rescheduled at a future date. Once this is completed, the EPA will announce a proposed alternative in a Proposed Plan that will be available for public comment. The EPA will also host a public meeting during the comment period to allow public participation in the remedy selection process. The EPA anticipates that the Proposed Plan will be released for public comment during 2015. The EPA will continue to communicate with site stakeholders and the community on the progress at the Site.

The same announcement on the **Galveston Bay Foundation website**:

Announcement from the U.S. EPA – posted on GBF website July 30, 2014

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From: Edlund, Carl
Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 10:59 AM
To: Sanchez, Carlos; Villarreal, Chris; Meyer, John; Walters, Donn; Miller, Garyg
Cc: Phillips, Pam
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We don't really address the allegation of tainted data.

I figure I'll be asked about that so I'd like to respond that EPA does **not** think the data for San Jacinto is tainted with these points [please correct them if they aren't accurate]:



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- EPA requires responsible parties to pay for the evaluation and cleanup of pollution problems [polluter pays policy]
- It is common for responsible parties to conduct assessments, but they do so under strict EPA oversight: For example, EPA reviews and approves sampling and analysis plans including pollutants, detection limits, sampling depth and breadth and validation of lab results. Options for possible remediation are reviewed and approved by EPA and the analysis of these options follows EPA guidelines. All of this information is subject to public review and comment.
- Our request for expert advice from the Corps of Engineers on the viability of potential solutions was based on the technical complexity of the project, not because we believe the responsible parties have biased the RI/FS to conform to their perspectives.

Agree???

From: Sanchez, Carlos

Sent: Wednesday, August 06, 2014 5:18 PM

To: Edlund, Carl; Villarreal, Chris; Meyer, John; Walters, Donn; Miller, Gary

Cc: Phillips, Pam

Subject: RE: FOX 26 LASTNIGHT - New EPA Study of San Jacinto Waste Pits

Carl, Here are the talking points we prepared.

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- The EPA has conducted a strong community outreach effort for the San Jacinto Site, including holding a community meeting in January this year in Highlands TX, as well as mailing a fact sheet in June to community members to provide the latest Site information. EPA has also provided a Technical Assistance Grant to the Galveston Bay Foundation to interpret and explain technical reports and Site conditions to the community. Both EPA and the Galveston Bay Foundation maintain web sites with Site information.
- EPA is coordinating community involvement activities with State and local agencies through the Community Advisory Committee; this committee includes TCEQ; Harris County; Port of

Houston; Galveston Bay Foundation; and the Potentially Responsible Parties.

From: Edlund, Carl

Sent: Wednesday, August 06, 2014 5:07 PM

To: Villarreal, Chris; Meyer, John; Sanchez, Carlos; Walters, Donn; Foster, Albert; Miller, Garyg

Cc: Phillips, Pam

Subject: RE: FOX 26 LASTNIGHT - New EPA Study of San Jacinto Waste Pits

So ...when I get to the EJ conference, what is my sound bite??

Do I have a copy of the announcement about the Corps??

From: Villarreal, Chris

Sent: Wednesday, August 06, 2014 4:19 PM

To: Edlund, Carl; Phillips, Pam

Subject: FW: FOX 26 LASTNIGHT - New EPA Study of San Jacinto Waste Pits

FYI

From: Turner, Philip

Sent: Wednesday, August 06, 2014 1:09 AM

To: Miller, Garyg

Subject: RE: FOX 26 LASTNIGHT

From: Miller, Garyg

Sent: Tuesday, August 5, 2014 1:51 PM

To: Sanchez, Carlos; Walters, Donn; Foster, Anne; Salinas, Amy; Turner, Philip; Werner, Robert

Subject: FW: FOX 26 LASTNIGHT

FYI – news video about San Jacinto


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